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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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URGENT ACTION

January 3, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MR. KISSINGER

FROM:

JOHN HOLDRIDGE *JHO*

SUBJECT:

Plans for the 172nd Plenary Session

In the telegram at Tab A U.S. Del France has informed State that the other side has agreed to attend a plenary session on January 4 and states:

"We plan a measured presentation expressing confidence that with resumption of serious negotiations, and through effort and goodwill, remaining problems will be resolved and an equitable accord formulated."

State has sent us for clearance a telegram (Tab B) concurring in U.S. Del France's plans for tomorrow's plenary.

In another telegram (Tab C) U.S. Del France has informed us that the GVN presentation at the January 4 plenary will charge the North with ulterior motives in resuming negotiations, as well as demand total NVA withdrawal, full restoration of the DMZ and Hanoi's acknowledgment of "two distinct states in Vietnam." U.S. Del France notes that this presentation will be in marked contrast with ours, but believes it is too late to have Embassy Saigon try to persuade the GVN to modify the line its delegation will take at tomorrow's plenary.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you authorize clearance of State's telegram to U.S. Del France at Tab A.

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

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NODIS/PARIS MEETINGS

SUBJ: PLANS FOR 1720 PLENARY SESSION, JANUARY 4, 1973

1. DRV AND PRG LIAISON OFFICERS HAVE JUST CONFIRMED OTHER
SIDE'S ATTENDANCE AT JANUARY 4 PLENARY.

2. WE PLAN A MEASURED PRESENTATION EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE
THAT WITH RESUMPTION OF SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND THROUGH
EFFORT AND GOODWILL, REMAINING PROBLEMS WILL BE RESOLVED
AND AN EQUITABLE ACCORD FORMULATED.

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